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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION  
COOPERATIVE, INC., OR ITS ASSIGNEES,  
IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED  
STATUTES §§ 40-360, *et seq.*, FOR A  
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAN MANUEL  
INTERCONNECT PROJECT LOCATED IN  
THE VICINITY OF SAN MANUEL IN PINAL  
COUNTY, ARIZONA.

CASE NO. 142

Docket No. L-00000CC-09-0158-00142

DECISION NO. 71218

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION  
OF CEC DEADLINE

Southwest Transmission Cooperative ("SWTC") requests an extension of the time to construct facilities authorized by the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") issued by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee as approved by the Commission in Decision No. 71218. The authorization is scheduled to expire July 16, 2014, but, under CEC Condition 7, may be extended by the Commission. For the reasons discussed herein, SWTC requests the expiration be extended to July 16, 2018.

## I. BACKGROUND

Case No. 142 involves SWTC's need for a CEC authorizing the construction of a double-circuit 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line near the town of San Manuel in Pinal County, Arizona (the "San Manuel Interconnect Project"). The proposed new transmission line is a double-circuit 230 kV line (using davit arms and 230 kV suspension insulators) which initially

1 will be energized at 115 kV. This 230 kV transmission line will extend approximately 4.5 miles  
2 primarily on property owned by BHP Copper, Inc. ("BHP"). It will originate at the existing  
3 SWTC Apache to Hayden 115 kV transmission line and will terminate at the existing Arizona  
4 Public Service ("APS") San Manuel Substation. In order to connect to the APS substation,  
5 SWTC will acquire two of its bays. Along approximately three miles of the 4.5-mile-long  
6 transmission line, SWTC will hang a 46 kV line for BHP's use—built to 69 kV standards—on  
7 the new structures. SWTC will remove the existing BHP 46 kV line following installation of  
8 this new 46 kV line.

## 9 II. DISCUSSION

10 The Commission should approve this application because the need for this project has  
11 only been delayed by the recession and the need for the project remains as economic conditions  
12 continue to improve. SWTC also remains committed to the project because of the system  
13 reliability benefits it will provide to the entire AEPCO system.

### 14 A. The Effects of the Recession.

15 The effects of the recession have only delayed, not changed, the ultimate need for this  
16 project based on growth demands on the Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico") system in the  
17 relatively near term. Trico's need to support the load growth taking place in southeastern Pinal  
18 County is forecast to return soon. Correspondingly, the additional capacity on SWTC's system  
19 and the forecast increased demands requiring the Project's completion will return as the  
20 economy improves. Thus, SWTC still needs to establish its second interconnection point with  
21 the APS 115 kV system at the San Manuel Substation as authorized in this CEC.

1           **B. SWTC Also Remains Committed to the Project for Other Reasons.**

2           Although the effects of the recession have temporarily postponed the projected end-user  
3 growth demand for this project, SWTC also continues to need the San Manuel Interconnect  
4 Project for its own purposes. More specifically, in addition to providing Trico with increased  
5 quantities of power, the new interconnection at the APS San Manuel Substation also will provide  
6 a direct transmission path from Arizona Electric Power Cooperative's Apache Generating  
7 Station to southeastern Pinal County for the first time. That, as discussed at the CEC hearing on  
8 this matter, is important for both supply and reliability purposes and is an additional benefit  
9 beyond satisfying the growth needs previously discussed.

10                                   **III. CONCLUSION**

11           In light of the foregoing, SWTC requests that its authorization to construct this Project  
12 under Decision No. 71218 be extended to July 16, 2018 by Commission order issued no later  
13 than July 16, 2014.

14           RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014.

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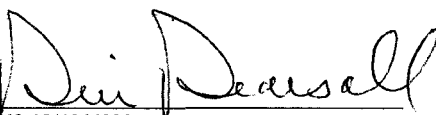
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